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SUBJECT: GVN ACTS TO CURTAIL "PRG" EXPLOITATION OF THE TPJMC

1. AMONG THE GVN ACTIONS PRECIPITATED BY THE BOMBARDMENT AND FALL OF TONG LE CHAN HAVE BEEN A CURTAILMENT IN THE 11-POINT PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES ACCORDED TO THE COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS TO THE TPJMC AND FPJMT AND A LESS PERMISSIVE APPROACH TO "PRG" BEHAVIOR IN TPJMC MEETINGS. THE GVN APPEARS FED UP WITH ALWAYS BEING ON THE GIVING END AND NEVER ON THE RECEIVING END.

2. THERE ARE NO PLANS TO SUSPEND TPJMC MEETINGS OR EVEN TO WALK OUT OF INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS. THE GVN WISHES TO FORCE THE "PRG" TO ADDRESS THE BUSINESS AT HAND, AND ITS DELEGATION WILL NO LONGER SIT BACK AND LISTEN TO "PRG" DIATRIBES ON SUBJECTS WHOLLY UNREALTED TO THE MANDATE OF THE JMC. WHEN THE "PRG" USED THIS TACTIC FOR TWO SOLID WEEKS TO EVADE DISGNFWAWN#OF AN INVESTIGA-
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OF TONG LE CHAN, THE GVN DECIDED TO TRY TO PUT A STOP TO IT. THUS, WHENEVER THE "PRG" SPEAKER LAUNCHES INTO A SUBJECT NOT GERMANE TO THE AGENDA OR TO DISCUSSION OF AN AGENDA RELATED TO THE TPJMC MANDATE,

THE GVN REPRESENTATIVE WILL INTERVENE TO REDIRECT THE SPEAKER. WHEN THE GVN IMPLEMENTED THIS APPROACH ON APRIL 16, THE "PRG" DELEGATION WALKED OUT. ON APRIL 19 THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT ON AN AGENDA.

3. THE GVN ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (P&I) SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN TOTALLY UNEXPECTED. P&I WERE ACCORDED TO FACILITATE THE FUNCTIONING OF THE JMC. IN THE GVN VIEW, THE "PRG" HAS EXPLOITED GVN HOSPITALITY AND GOODWILL FOR OVER A YEAR SOLELY FOR ITS OWN ENDS, WITHOUT ADVANCING THE WORK OF THE TPJMC. THE TPJMC HAS SERVED "PRG" PROPAGANDA AIMS AND PROVIDED IT WITH ITS ONLY REGULAR ACCESS TO THE WESTERN NEWS MEDIA. THE GVN IS NO LONGER WILLING TO FACILITATE SUCH SELF-SERVING "PRG" ACTIVITIES WITH LIAISON FLIGHTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES WHILE THE "PRG" REFUSES TO RESPOND TO GVN PROPOSALS ON MIAS/POWS, JMC/ICCS INVESTIGATIONS, CONCRETE CEASEFIRE MEASURES AND JMC DEPLOYMENT.

4. ACCORDINGLY, THE GVN HAS COMPLETELY SUSPENDED THE LOC NINH LIAISON FLIGHTS PROVIDED FOR IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND THE 11-POINT P&I. THE GVN HAD WARNED THE "PRG" THAT P&I MUST BE RECIPROCAL AND, AFTER THE DEATH FROM GROUNDFIRE ON MARCH 7 OF A CREWMAN ON A CHINOOK ENGAGED IN THE PRISONER RELEASES, THE GVN DEMANDED A "PRG" SAFETY GUARANTEE FOR ALL FUTURE TPJMC FLIGHTS OVER "PRG" OCCUPIED TERRITORY. NONE WAS FORTHCOMING. NONETHELESS GVN TPJMC CHIEF, GENERAL HIEP, HAS INFORMED THE ICCS CHAIRMAN THAT THE GVN WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE LIAISON FLIGHTS TO PERMIT "PRG" COORDINATION ON SPECIFIC JMC/ICCS BUSINESS.

5. THE GVN HAD GENEROUSLY PROVIDED THE DRV/"PRG" SIXTEEN TELEPHONE LINES INTO THEIR CAMP DAVIS COMPOUND, ALTHOUGH NO SUCH REQUIREMENT IS SPECIFICALLY SPELLED OUT IN THE PARIS AGREEMENTS OR THE 11-POINT P&I. THE PRINCIPAL USE THE COMMUNISTS HAD MADE OF THESE LINES WAS TO CONTACT THE FOREIGN NEWS MEDIA. THERE IS A HOLLOW RING TO COMMUNIST CHARGES THAT THE GVN IS OBSTRUCTING TPJMC/FPJMT ACTIVITIES BY CUTTING THESE LINES WHEN THE COMMUNISTS HAVE REFUSED TO PERMIT THE GVN TO REPLACE THE CUT LINES WITH DIRECT LINES BETWEEN CAMP DAVIS AND THOSE INSTALLATIONS WITH WHICH THE COMMUNISTS HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A NEED TO COMMUNICATE FOR JMC/ICCS RELATED BUSINESS. SIMILARLY REFUSED WAS THE GVN OFFER OF OFF-BASE COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH A GVN SWITCHBOARD.

6. IN A RELATED MOVE, THE GVN SUSPENDED THE WEEKLY "PRG" PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HAD BEEN MUTUALLY AGREED UPON THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS, BUT IS NOT SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR IN THE P&I. FORECLOSING THE COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS' ACCESS TO THE PRESS APPEARS TO BE A

PRIMARY CONCERN OF THE GVN. "PRG"/DRV DELEGATION MEMBERS ARE
NOT PRESENTLY BEING PERMITTED TO LEAVE TAN SON NHUT FOR ANY PURPOSE,
ALTHOUGH ICCS DELEGATIONS AND CONTRACTORS STILL HAVE ACCESS TO CAMP
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